



January 24, 2003

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 98-147, and 96-98

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, the Competitive Telecommunications Association ("CompTel") hereby gives notice that on January 23, 2003, its representatives met with Christopher Libertelli, Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell. In our meeting, CompTel discussed the importance of a strong role for the states in determining fact-specific issues with respect to any inquiry regarding competitors' impairment in their ability to provide service to retail customers without access to the unbundled local switching element. CompTel also explained the ways in which both retail and wholesale competitive carriers are impaired in their ability to provide telecommunications services to their customers without access to dark fiber as a UNE. The points discussed by CompTel were consistent with its existing filings on the record in this proceeding.

Representing CompTel in this meeting were H. Russell Frisby, Jr. and the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan D. Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Jonathan D. Lee  
Vice President,  
Regulatory Affairs